

TO THE CORPORATION AND MEMBERS OF THE PEABODY COMMUNITY HOUSE  
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE YEAR 1917-1918

Peabody, Mass., November 18, 1918

These have been years of war, and war has had its effect upon the Community House. It has made many changes necessary, altered our work considerably.

We began the year's work with two paid superintendents. Mr. Davies had charge of the boys' work and Miss Harrington of the girls' work.

They have both worked hard during the year and performed most faithful service. Special mention should be made of the splendid work of Miss Harrington. She was experienced, enthusiastic, cordial, well fitted for the work, and gave generously of herself to the girls and to the house as a whole. Most of our success this year was due to her. It was her initiative that made us take up extension work in South and West Peabody, and we were, at the end of the year, extremely sorry to lose her.

EXTENSION WORK:-This was one of the big things of the year. We carried the work of the Community House to South and West Peabody. Through the school committee we obtained the use of the school houses in these places. The classes were well attended. A great deal of work was done and the entire plan was a fine success.

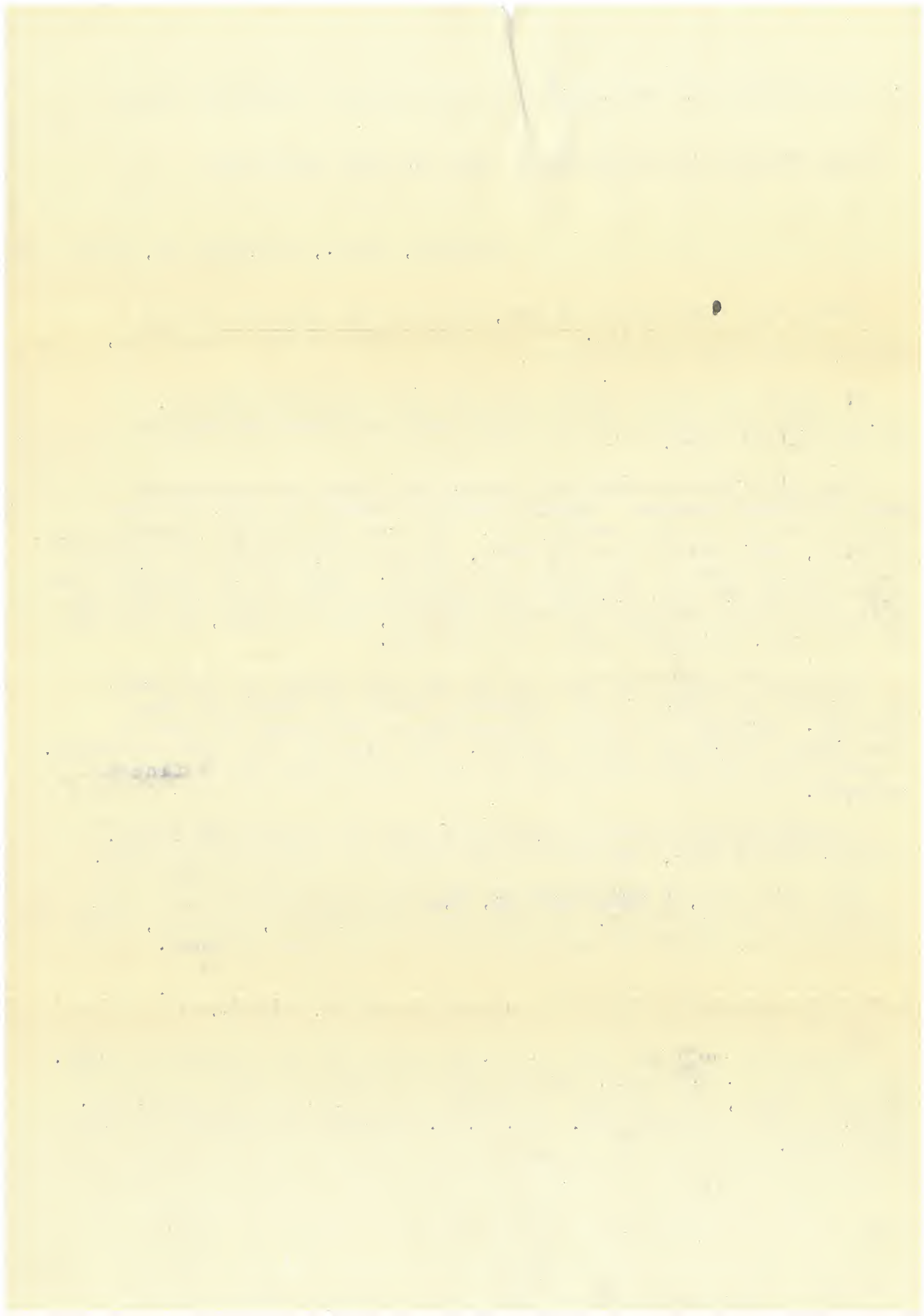
A campaign was held on February 2 for the raising of funds. Through solicitors, about \$5000 was raised to carry on the work.

More and more, as time went on, the war began to cut into the activities of the house. We kept all our classes, however, with splendid attendance and accomplished a great deal of good.

A new class this year was the class in Manual Training. This was very successful under the direction of Mr. Bagley.

During the year we lost the prime mover of the Community House. Rev. George W. Penniman, moving from the city to take up work in another place, was obliged to resign from the Board of Managers. His loss was a severe one. Mr. W. W. Woodman was elected to fill his place.

*Mr. Lloyd Davies has given good service  
and we are looking forward to a most  
successful work with the boys this year.*





The closing exhibition of the Community House was a fine piece of work. It showed just what the Community House had done for the boys and girls of Peabody. The gymnastic work was especially good of both boys and girls. The exhibits made by the classes were fine and represented much of the work done during the year.

The war delayed our opening in the Fall. All at once the influenza developed in Peabody to an alarming extent. The Community House was immediately taken over by the Red Cross as an emergency hospital. The city was fortunate in having such a splendid place to care for the sick ones. Both the house and the gymnasium was used to their capacity. Certainly the use of our plant as a hospital saved the lives of many of our citizens.

Then there was a further use of our house. Many of those who died from the disease left little children to be cared for. The second floor of our house is now being used as a Children's Hospital or Home. We are proud to place our house in the hands of the Red Cross for such work. Of course, it interfered with our regular work, but here was work more important and so we donated the house to this purpose.

Now we can take up the regular work of the House. The war is over, the sickness practically gone and we can now begin again our work in earnest.

First comes the war work-then the hospital work-then the work of the Community House.

We trust that this year will not see the troublesome times of the past one, and that our work will have a large result and accomplish much good.

We want to thank all those who have so nobly helped us, both personally and financially. Our workers were especially faithful and sincere in their work.

I wish personally to thank the Board of Managers for their splendid co-operation during the year and also to thank the officers for the large work done by them so faithfully and well.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED N. MOORE, President.

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